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Containing His Majesties Grace and Favour to His Subjects of this His Ancient Kingdom of  
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At Holy-rood-house, The twenty fourth day of March, One thousand six hundred seventy and four Years.



Orasmuch as the Affection which His Majesty hath to this His Ancient Kingdom of Scotland, makes Him readily to embrace all occasions whereby His Majesty may witness His Zeal to do all things which may be for the advantage and ease of His good Subjects: And His Majesty being informed by the Duke of Lauderdale His Commissioner, of some things which have been, and still are troublesome and burdensome to His good Subjects in this Kingdom; His Majesty hath thought fit, as an Act of His own Royal Bounty, and by His Royal Authority, with Advice of His Privy Council, to declare His Royal Pleasure for the ease and satisfaction of His good Subjects in manner following.

First, His Majesty with Advice foresaid, doth hereby Statute and Enact, and accordingly doth freely and absolutely Discharge to His Subjects, all rests of Assessments, Monethly Maintenance, Loan and Tax, Levies, Out-reeks of Horse and Foot, Excise, Tenth and Twenty Penny, and generally all Impositions whatsoever due, or imposed upon this Kingdom at any time before His Majesty's happy Restauration; Excepting all Sums of Money already payed, or Bonds given for Money (which by Assignations may be conveyed thorow several hands.) And all these Particulars above-mentioned, His Majesty with Advice foresaid, doth now Discharge,

notwithstanding of any Commission granted to Sir John Weyms of Bogie, or any others, for Collecting them, or any of them.

His Majesty in like manner, with Advice foresaid, Discharges all rests of the Taxation ordinary and extraordinary, granted to His Royal Father (of blessed Memory) the Parliament, in the Year of God 1633. comprehending therein the Taxation of Two of Ten of Annual-rents, Excepting all Sums of Money already payed, or Bonds granted preceeding the Date hereof, and excepting all Sums of Money due by any Person lyable for the relief of those who have made Payment, or given Bond. But in regard the Duke and Dutches of Hamilton have a right to the rests of the said Taxation, until they be satisfied of certain Sums of Money acclaimed, as yet resting to them by His Majesty, conform to a Contract past betwixt His Majesty's Royal Father and the deceased James Duke of Hamilton, and a Commission granted by His Majesty to William now Duke of Hamilton; His Majesty doth Declare, that He is resolved to satisfy the Debt, if any be found due to the said Duke after Compt and Reckoning of His Intromission with the said Taxation; that His Majesty's Grace and Favour intended hereby to His good Subjects, may be made effectual and entire to them: But prejudice in the mean time to the Duke of Hamilton of his Right and Execution thereupon, ay and untill he be satisfied of what shall be found due to him after Compt and Reckoning of his Intromission with the said Taxation.

His Majesty doth likewise with Advice foresaid, freely and absolutely Discharge all such parts of the Annuity of Teinds as were due to His Majesty before His happy Restauration, and doth Suspend the Charging for, the Receiving or Paying of any Annuity due since His Restauration, ay and untill the Earl of London make Accompt (to any His Majesty shall appoint for that effect) of what He or his Father have received of the said Annuities, to the end His Majesty may then declare His further Pleasure, excepting alwayes from this, all Money which is already payed, or for which Bond is given upon that account preceeding the Date hereof: And this notwithstanding of any Commission granted by His Majesty to the Earl of London for Collecting of the saids Annuities.

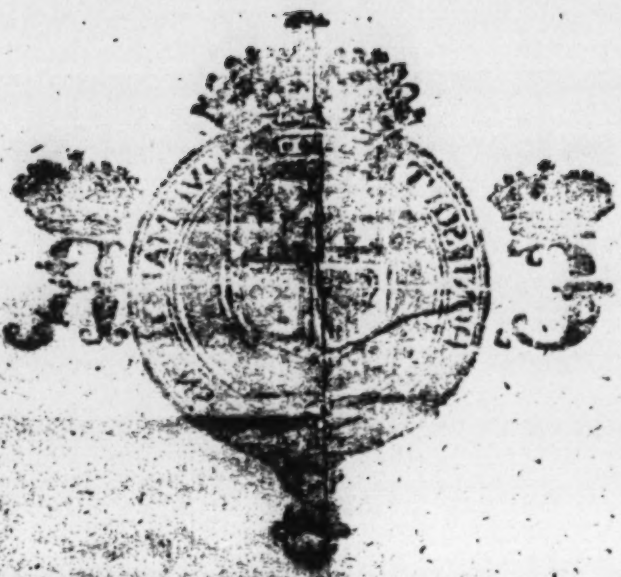
His Majesty doth also with Advice foresaid, freely and absolutely Discharge all Fines imposed by His First Parliament of this Kingdom, excepting such as are already payed, or such for which there is Bond already given: It is alwayes hereby Declared, that all Moneys received by Collectors, or Sub-Collectors, from their several entries, in all or any of these Particulars above-discharged, or others entrusted for uplifting thereof, are hereby excepted; and the saids Collectors, Sub-Collectors, and others foresaid, declared accomptable for the same to any who have, or shall have His Majesty's Commission for that effect.

And last, His Majesty for a further proof of His affection to His good Subjects of this Kingdom, doth with Advice foresaid, freely and absolutely grant a general Pardon and Discharge of all Arbitrary and Pecunial pains incurred by any of His Subjects before the Date hereof, thorow the contraveining of any Laws, Penal Statutes, or Publick Acts whatsoever, except such Pecunial pains as are already inflicted or imposed by His Majesty's Privy Council, or any other competent Judicatory, for which Bonds are given, or Money payed: And excepting all Sentences of Banishment, Imprisonment, or Confinement: Declaring alwayes that this Pardon is not to be extended to any who were guilty of the Rebellion in the Year 1666, and are not admitted to the benefit of His Majesty's Indempnity, nor to such as are guilty of Capital Crimes. And His Majesty having, as said is, given so full proof of His Bounty and Goodness to His Subjects, and of His full Pardon of all Arbitrary and Pecunial pains, extending even to these against Conventicles, withdrawing from Ordinances, disorderly Baptisms, and Marriages, His Majesty doth expect that this His unparalleled Grace and Goodness will oblige all His good Subjects to express their due sense of, and thankfulness for the same, by a more careful observance and due obedience to the Laws, from which nothing is to be derogate hereby as to their due observance in time coming. And to the end that His Majesty's Royal Clemency and Bounty to His good Subjects, may be for their full security made known to them; Ordains these presents to be Printed, and Letters of Publication to be direct hereupon to the Lyon King at Arms, and his Brethren Heralds, Macers, Pursevents, and Messengers at Arms, to pass to the Mercat Cross of Edinburgh, and the Mercat Crosses of all the Royal Burghs of this Kingdom, and all other places needful, and there with all due solemnities make Publication hereof; For which these presents shall be a Warrant.

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